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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY RICHARD NIXON TO AUSTRALIA

OVER THE PAST WEEK, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ARTICLES
IN THE AUSTRALIAN PRESS REPORTING THE POSSIBILITY OF A
VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON.

2. ONE IN THE "AUSTRALIAN" OF AUGUST 26 IS THE MOST
EXPLICIT: "MR. NIXON HAS RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO VISIT
A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES" HIS AIDE AND SPOKESMAN COL. JACK
BRENNAN SAID IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE "AUSTRALIAN".
"ONE OF THE COUNTRIES THAT ISSUED AN INVITATION WAS
AUSTRALIA... AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MIGHT MAKE A VISIT
BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR". ASKED ABOUT
THE SOURCE OF THE INVITATION, COL. BRENNAN REPLIED: I
CANNOT TELL WHO ISSUED THE INVITATION."

3. THE "AUSTRALIAN" ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THE SOURCE OF
THE INVITATION IS A MYSTERY; IT HAS CAUSED A DIPLOMATIC
FLAP IN CANBERRA WHERE ONE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL SAID BLUNTLY: "WE DIDN'T INVITE HIM."

4. DFA TELLS US PRIVATELY THAT BRENNAN IN FACT DID
APPROACH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, SEEKING
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INFORMATION ABOUT HOW FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON MIGHT
BE RECEIVED. IT WAS DFA'S CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT BRENNAN
WAS "ANGLING" FOR AN OFFICIAL GOA INVITATION (IN RESPONSE)
TO WHICH FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON WOULD BE TREATED AS AN
OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE GOA). AFTER CONSIDERING THE PROS
AND CONS, PM FRASER HIMSELF IS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE THE
DECISION NOT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION. DFA HAS REPLIED

SOLELY THAT NO INVITATION HAS BEEN ISSUED AND THEY ARE
SAYING IN REPLY TO COL. BRENNAN THAT A VISIT AT THIS
TIME WOULD BE "INOPPORTUNE."
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